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Seoul Agrees to Meet With North

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SEOUL, South Korea, Aug. 10 — South Korean political leaders decided today to accept a North Korean proposal for a preliminary meeting at the truce village of Panmunjom next week, the first meeting between the two hostile neighbors in almost three years.

The meeting is supposed to set the stage for joint parliamentary talks later this month. But the South rejected the North's latest proposal to include in the full-scale talks representatives of other unspecified groups.

The South's reply raises questions on whether the full-scale talks will indeed take place, and the two sides continue to disagree about the topics and the scope of the talks. North Korea urges that both countries discuss a nonaggression pact and the possibility of the North's co-sponsoring the Olympic Games this fall in Seoul. The South wants to talk about reunion of sepa-

rated families, citizen exchanges* and trade.

Officials said today that they would deliver a formal reply to the North on Friday. North Korea had suggested holding the preliminary talks next Wednesday. The South instead proposed holding such talks two days later, Aug. 19.

Since July 7, when President Roh Tae Woo made new overtures to the North, both sides have offered a series of proposals and counterproposals. North Korea formally broke off the last government talks between the two nations in early 1986, although talks had not taken place for some months by that point.

4 Die in British Air Collision

MILBURN, England, Aug. 10 (AP) — Two Tornado jet fighters collided while on separate low-level night training flights, killing three British airmen and a West German trainee navigator, the Defense Ministry said today. Rescue workers recovered the bodies from wreckage scattered over a wide area in the Cumbrian hills of northwest England. The fighters collided Tuesday night over the sparsely populated hills near the village of Milburn, 240 miles from London.